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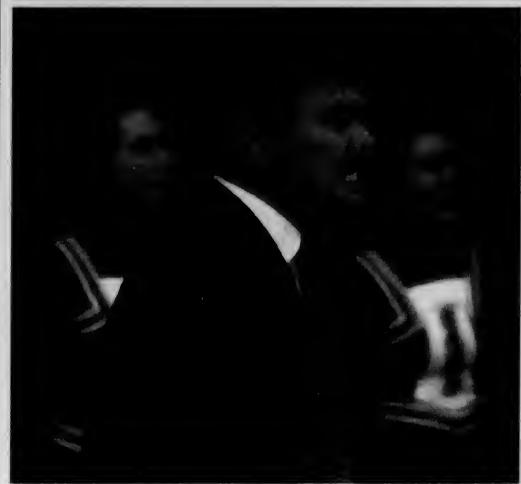
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Police Beat

By STEPHANIE TAIT
News Editor



Jan. 28—At 1:23 p.m., police responded to a fire alarm in the UMW Apartment building 1102. According to police, a student attempted to cook bread on the stove and the smoke from this cooking set off the fire alarm. The Fredericksburg Fire Department helped clear the area of smoke and there was no damage to the apartment.

Jan. 30—Around midnight police received a report of a student, who appeared to be unsteady, walking barefoot around George Washington circle. According to police, they then broadcasted the description of the student to all officers on patrol and to groundskeepers who were clearing snow at the time. At 3:33 a.m., a female matching the same description came into the police station intoxicated and asking for a ride to her residence on Charles Street, according to police. Police said the officer at the time judged the student, Rebecca Sellers, a 21-year-old commuter student, was not in the condition to be released on her own due to her

intoxication. Police arrested Sellers for being drunk in public.

Jan. 30—At 3:15 p.m., a 19-year-old resident of Bushnell Hall reported to police that their room had been broken into. The two students, who are roommates, reported that items in the room had been moved around and damaged. According to police, an investigation found the break in to be a result of a suitemate conflict and the suitemate, a 19-year-old female, was referred to Residence Life.

Jan. 31—A 56-year-old female employee of Seacobeck Hall reported to police that, between 4 p.m. and 9:25 p.m., someone vandalized her vehicle. According to police, there appeared to be fingernail polish on the exterior of the vehicle and damages were minimal. According to police, the victim said she had an idea of who had vandalized her vehicle, but refused to say who it was. The case has been put on inactive status.

Professor Mourned

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"HANSON," she said. "When he taught [for] Project SOAR...I sat in on his class once and he was discussing class issues; it's hard to make class issues come alive [but] he had the class subdivided: 'You're going to be the blue-collar, you're white-collar.' Everyone's desks were separated and he was sitting in the middle and facilitating this whole thing and the students were just mesmerized."

Junior Kiera Evans, who was a student of Hanson's, said he relied on his life experiences in order to teach.

"As a Civil Rights professor he was involved early in the Civil Rights movement so...he could tell personal stories about what we were learning," Evans said. "It made for a...better class."

Evans went on to share her thoughts on Hanson's demeanor.

"He really loved what he taught...you could see that he had so much enthusiasm for everything he taught...he was really down to earth," she said.

Timothy Crippen, professor of sociology, believes Hanson provided a spark in the everyday affairs of the department as well as in social gatherings.

"His enthusiasm for his craft and for life in general could be infectious, and his presence will be sorely missed," Crippen said.

Crippen recalled how his colleague stayed positive despite his prolonged health problems.

"This past summer, as Bill faced what proved to be his final health crisis, he talked as if he would undergo yet another major surgery and still be prepared to resume teaching his scheduled class by early October," he said. "Sadly, things worked out differently, but the attitude expressed was Bill to the core. Teaching was his calling, and his daily actions were a constant reminder of that simple fact of his life."

Beatrice Kerr, an alumna of the class of 1990 and sociology major, chose Hanson as her

academic advisor when she attended UMW. During her time as a student, she worked on an individual research project on AIDS which Hanson oversaw.

"He was tough, he asked me a lot of pointed questions and tried to get me focused," she said. "He pushed me to do more research and ask more in-depth questions. He really wanted to see his students grow. I think that's the word of a really great teacher."

Kerr said one of the defining features of Hanson's personality was his sense of humor. She was close with Hanson and his family and was present with him during his final weeks in the hospital.

"I would sit with him, and he kept pointing to something in the room," she said. "It was a palm-size strength ball."

"He wanted me to throw the ball to him," Kerr said. "He threw it back, he wanted to play, that was very Bill; in the ICU it's so serious and somber but he just wanted to play."

Hanson's son Jesse, a Mary Washington graduate now living in California, returned to Virginia to be with his father earlier this week. He had made several trips home over the past several months to join his mother and sister in caring for Hanson after his final lung failed and he had unsuccessful surgery last October.

"He had a gift of profound understanding," Jesse Hanson said. "He was an amazing father, we will miss him a lot."

Roxane Hanson was with her husband almost constantly over the past several months as Hanson's health declined.

"He taught me as much, if not more, in death, as he did in life about love, courage, and strength," she said.

A campus memorial service for Hanson will be held on Saturday, Feb. 5 at 1 p.m. in the Lee Hall Ballroom.

Andrew Deci and Stephanie Tait contributed to this story.



Courtesy University Relations

Professor William Hanson.

Donor Offers \$500,000 To UMW's Great Lives Series

By MELINA RODRIGUEZ Staff Writer

Tonight, Eleanor of Aquitaine will visit the University of Mary Washington campus, in spirit that is.

Teresa Kennedy, professor in the department of English, linguistics, and speech, will give a lecture on this legendary medieval queen. But how is this possible?

After learning about last year's Great Lives Lecture Series, donor John Chappell of Villanova, Penn. decided he wanted his \$1.5 million donation to help continue the event. Chappell decided to donate the memorial gift to the university in the memory of his late wife, Carmen Chappell who attended UMW.

As reported in the alumni magazine, "UMW Today," the Board of Visitors expressed interest in building a bell tower and knowing of this Chappell designated \$1 million toward its construction.

According to Ron Singleton, senior vice president for advancement and University relations, the remaining \$500,000 of the endowment was designated to the Great Lives Lecture Series.

Singleton said Chappell's original gift of \$500,000 is invested and the Great Lives Series is funded with the interest produced. The earned interest will provide approximately \$25,000 this year. The \$25,000 will, in turn, provide payment to the speakers. According to Singleton, all speakers receive an honorarium, and in the cases of visiting speakers, the money will provide travel, lodging, food, and any other necessities.

"The IRS requires that the principle [\$500,000] remains intact and the program spends the earnings," Singleton said. The \$500,000 should last forever because it is invested and the program is only allowed to use the interest gained from the original gift.

Every Thursday at 7:30 p.m., the Great Lives Lecture Series presents speakers on a diverse range of public figures. This year's topics include subjects ranging from Eleanor of Aquitaine to Elvis Presley.

Last year's lecture series was so successful that larger venues were required to provide room for all of the attendees. The lectures originally taking place in Monroe, were moved to larger venues such as the Great Hall, Lee Ballroom and Dodd Auditorium for this year.



"That small fund allowed us to pay each of last year's speakers a modest honorarium," Hudgins said.

This year's lecture series includes six UMW faculty members and six speakers from off campus, who are authors of various books on a wide range of subjects. There are receptions held after the presentations by visiting speakers. These receptions are also paid for by the endowment.

According to Singleton the endowment allows the program to pay a higher honorarium and therefore attract nationally known speakers.

"The success of Great Lives last year drew the interest to the series both here on campus and in the wider Mary Washington community," said Hudgins. "That interest has led to new funding sources that have allowed us to weave into the series not only presentations by members of our faculty but to include writers and scholars from off campus who are authors of recent books and biographies."

Singleton said that as the lecture series continues and more businesses and foundations learn about it additional donations and gifts will be added to the original \$500,000. In addition, the University will actively continue to seek out donors to keep the lecture series a common event on the university campus.

According to Crawley all of the lectures draw a large crowd, but in particular he predicts that the lectures on Mozart, Napoleon, Roosevelt and Churchill and Jack and Jackie Kennedy will have an enormous turnout.

Athletic Teams Benefit From Dry Seasons, Study Says

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to, or during competition.

The athletic department also follows a process of sanctions for those student athletes found guilty of violating the alcohol policy. A first offense results in the student athlete being suspended from their next scheduled competition, a second offense results in a suspension from their next two scheduled competitions, and a third offense results in an expulsion from the Intercollegiate Athletic Program.

Men's soccer coach Roy Gordon believes that the alcohol policy enforced by the athletic department is sufficient and therefore he does not have stricter rules concerning alcohol.

"The athletic department's alcohol policy seems to be an appropriate reality for life in college," Gordon said. "I am in no way condoning the use of alcohol or underage drinking, but I do not think that having a dry season is any more reasonable than the policy set forth by the department."

Gordon has been the head coach of the UMW men's soccer team for 27 years. Gordon has led his team to eight Capital Athletic Conference titles since 1985, and has been named the CAC coach of the year seven times.

According to a national survey conducted by Harvard professor Henry Wechsler, student athletes are at a higher risk for binge drinking, heavier alcohol use and alcohol related injuries.

According to the study, male student athletes are binge drinking 16 percent more and female athletes are binge drinking 19 percent more than their non-athletic peers.

The study surveyed 12,777 college students, 17 percent of which were student athletes, at 130 four-year colleges and universities across 40 states.

In addition, student athletes surveyed also reported experiencing more academic problems and more anti-social behaviors, such as damaging property and getting into trouble with the police.

The NCAA does not implement a nationwide alcohol policy, but strongly encourages all schools to create and enforce their own.

Dana Hall, who has been the head coach of the UMW women's field hockey and women's lacrosse teams for the past 15 years, agrees with the alcohol policy set forth by the department.



"The alcohol policy is not here to punish the athletes, it is here to help them perform better," Hall said. "I came here and turned a team that was known as the 'party team' into national champions."

Hall implements a dry season for her field hockey team, but only enforces the baseline alcohol policy suggested by the department for her lacrosse team. Hall adds that her field hockey team chooses to follow a dry season for personal reasons.

UMW senior and field hockey co-captain Amanda Mulhern admits that following a dry season has affected her social life, but adds that it helps bring the players on the team closer together.

"I will admit that sometimes I have been less likely to go out because I don't feel like dealing with drunk shenanigans," Mulhern said. "However, our dry season has definitely helped the team come a lot closer."

Senior Joanna Duggan agrees with her fellow co-captain in that having a dry season allows them to bond in a different way, but admits that some players may choose not to follow the policy.

"It's taken seriously but you can't always be watching every player on your team at every moment," Duggan said. "So you have to trust that they take it as seriously as you do."

UMW seniors and co-captains of the men's lacrosse team Jamie Stoddard, Lee Thompson, Dave Justen and Drew Cartwright have decided to take their team's alcohol policy to a new extreme this season, stating academics and a challenging game schedule as incentives for the change.

"Our schedule is harder than ever this year and as a group we knew we had to make some sacrifices if we wanted to be successful," Thompson said. "We also have a lot of people struggling academically so it makes a lot of sense."

The captains, who made the decision without the guidance of their coach Kurt Glaeser, have found many ways to entertain themselves without consuming alcohol, including ping pong games in the Wash Room and hosting a milk chugging contest.

"It has actually made us closer because we are able to spend quality time with each other while other people are out drinking," said Thompson.

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information technologies. The University is currently conducting surveys to establish where wireless access spots should be located most efficiently. Among the most likely spots are Combs, Jepson and Trinkle Halls, with the possibility of residence halls, and Seacobeck dining hall. The library "pilot" network will also remain in use.

Right now, the administration has only a rough estimate for how much a transition to wireless would cost.

"The current estimate would be approximately \$1,500 per access point," said Erma Baker, assistant vice president for business services. "For an academic building, we are estimating about 15 access points per

building, meaning the cost would be \$17,500, plus about \$2,500 per building to survey and identify where each point should be placed, for a total of about \$20,000 per building."

German said the mobile food cart's needs will be taken into account during this planning process.

"Certainly wireless in outside spaces, including those to be used by the mobile food cart will be on that list, but at this point, we're not sure where quite yet," German said.

For now, the mobile food cart will remain parked behind Seacobeck Hall, out of use throughout the winter. But come springtime, with the sun shining and flowers blooming, the mobile cart will be delivering snacks and drinks around campus.

Corrections

-In last week's edition, Rita Thompson said, "Some people see it as being dismal, but I see it as an opportunity and a challenge for the University of Mary Washington to reach out to minorities and the underrepresented populations." She was misquoted in the story on Jan. 27.

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Editorial Remember

February began with Punxsutawney Phil crawling out of his hole and seeing his shadow, and thus dooming the world to six more months of winter.

February is a singular month. We all know about the groundhog, and whether we love it or hate, we all know about Valentine's Day.

But it seems that people have forgotten what is quite possibly the most important thing about the second month of the year: The fact that it is the month designated to remember black history.

Back in elementary school, we all had to do projects about Harriet Tubman or Malcolm X or Booker T. Washington or Frederick Douglass.

But not anymore.

Let's all try to remember the contributions that these Americans made to our country.

Show a little gratitude. Spread some love. It's almost Valentine's Day, after all.

Locked Out

Trinkle B12 used to be a haven for bleary-eyed students. It used to be full of procrastinators, scrambling at the eleventh hour to finish papers and assignments.

Those days are gone.

Why?

The lab has been closed without explanation, but faculty and computer science majors know the code to the room. What used to be open to all is now an elitist paradise.

One would suspect that the lab is now on limited hours because of the recent computer hacking into the political science department's e-mail account.

The police actually seized the computer and sent it to Richmond for investigation. The school's reaction to the event is laughable, but certainly seems like it would deter any students who may in the future want to write phony e-mails. If the now-infamous e-mail is the reason for locking students out, it seems like the University is punishing its hard-working students to make a display of a stupid college prank.

After the school's ridiculous overreaction, why would anyone attempt such a prank again? The point is, that if the lab is on limited hours because of this reason, it's entirely unnecessary.

Students received that e-mail early afternoon on a Sunday. The lab is still open on weekends.

The Macintosh lab is still open twenty-four hours a day. But there are fewer computers in the Macintosh lab.

Someone has some explaining to do about why the student are now locked out.



Trouble In Trinkle

By ALEX ENGEL

Guest Columnist

Recently, some members of the University of Mary Washington population may have noticed something missing from their daily routine.

No, I don't mean the food cart outside of the Eagles Nest, nor do I mean all the missing snow from Saturday's storm. What I'm talking about is our internet connection.

If you have tried to use your X-Box Live lately, played a game like "Counter Strike: Source," or tried to download anything at all, you know exactly what I'm talking about. Our internet connection seems to have dried up.

Here are the facts: Starting in 2002-2003, Mary Washington implemented a plan to upgrade the existing server database, an obsolete HP 3000 model, to a model offered by SunGard SCT.

The SCT Banner system, the "SCT Banner Unified Digital Campus" system promised to be "nothing less than a University-wide restructuring of our information environment, improving the way we do all our jobs, and serve our UWU community."

Unfortunately for us students, this was proven not to be the case on Monday, Jan. 17. That day, the Banner employee self-service function was added to the existing Banner finance and advancement systems. The result of this addition caused a catastrophic degradation of the UWU network.

As a result of the increased server load, a drastic limitation policy was placed on the network for many applications, including almost every internet video game and practically all file-sharing programs. A week later, we're left with a connection that's only slightly faster than dial-up.

If you've played any games online or tried to sign onto any file-sharing program, you know what I mean. We're going at less than 10 kilobytes per second here, which is a huge decrease from the hefty speeds we'd become accustomed to before.

When I first asked the

Information Technology department about the problems, I was told that the network was being used by "mission critical applications," and that further adjustments may be made.

When I went down in person, I was politely told that there was little to be done, that Banner was using a massive chunk of the network and they were trying their best, but there wouldn't be a return to the way things were before. Instead, there would be a communal five-megabit pipe for all members of the on-campus UWU community. This would apply to everything not directly Web-related, i.e. streaming music/video, file-sharing, and most video games. How fast your connection goes depends on how many people are online.

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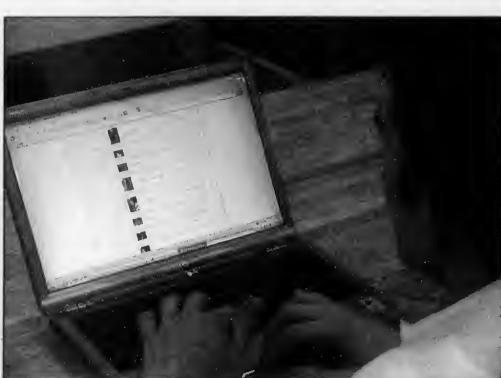
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There are some tourists who enjoy the leech demonstration. Some show interest in buying them for themselves; others want to touch them.

"We had a woman who was very fond of them and just all she wanted to do was stroke the leech," McWhirt recalled.

Working at the historical site has brought McWhirt into contact with a wide variety of tourists from all over the world. Some are just curious, while others want to discuss and compare current medical practices to those of the colonial world.

Tourists can do some strange things when they encounter the employees at the Apothecary. Countless people peek in the window, try to wave at them and even want to take pictures of their shoes. Such requests are common, considering that the employees wear replicas of authentic colonial clothing.

"My favorite tourists of all time were the two Korean men with cameras who wanted to take me to dinner at Claiborne's afterward," McWhirt said with a laugh. "They thought I was so brave for touching the leech and they had to reward me with dinner. That was pretty cool. I didn't go, obviously. That would have been sketch."

The average number of people that come through varies by season. Winter is the slowest season, while business peaks during the spring and summer.

School groups routinely show up, bringing up to 200 students in one day. These are her favorite groups.

"It's great to see the kids break out," she said. "We do a lot of hands-on stuff with them."

McWhirt wanted a job to prepare for a future career.

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Sophomore Lindy McWhirt dresses in historical clothing for her job at the Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop on Caroline Street downtown.

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Before she could begin working, she had to memorize a five-page script outlining the tour. She also had to read several books and her freshman classes revealed a passion other than historic preservation: anthropology. McWhirt is now a sociology major with a concentration in anthropology.

McWhirt has found a way to expand her studies while at work.

"I still get to observe the people that come in, and the mentality of the tourists is very entertaining to me," she said. "So, even though I kind of changed my future plans, it still kind of applies."

Groundhog Day 2005

Punxsutawney Phil delivered his annual winter prediction yesterday. The famous groundhog saw his shadow on Gobbler's Knob, determining that there will be another six weeks of wintry weather.



Students Confirm Facebook Is A Hit

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Hughes, co-founder of Thefacebook.com, Zuckerberg came up with the idea to have an interactive social networking database.

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Only members of Thefacebook.com can search for other members. Users can only see information about users who go to their school, unless they are friends with someone from another college.

A user can also adjust their privacy settings so that people only see information that he wants them to see.

Despite these precautions, Cedric Rucker, dean of student life, is concerned about students' safety.

"With any online community, students need to be aware that it's a public forum," he said. "Be cautious of the type of information one shares, especially in an era of identity theft, where people are not as kind as they could be."

Hughes is sure that privacy is not a problem. "We have had surprisingly few complaints about privacy issues, probably because Thefacebook.com is a secure site with a myriad of privacy options," he said. "We're confident that our members are intelligent enough not to give out any personal information that they want to be public. If any user does use the network inappropriately, we'll throw that person off the network. Additionally, any user can block another specific user from seeing her profile by going to her privacy options page."

Crierie is not at all concerned about privacy.

"I put up the information that I want people to be able to access," she said. "If I don't want people to know something, I don't put it on my profile."

Hornick is not worried about his privacy either.

"What's good about Thefacebook.com is that you can put as much or as little personal information as you want on it, so it's up to the person how much information they want to give out," he said. "If you give your screen name you shouldn't be shocked that someone instant messaged you. All you have to do is not post your personal information if you are worried about privacy."

Though Thefacebook.com has taken the campus by storm, Berry does not think the fad will last for long.

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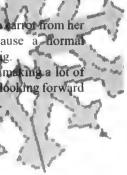
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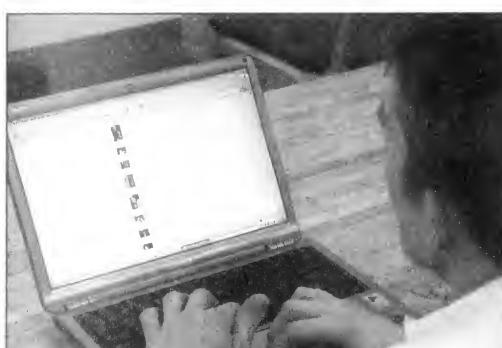
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Being informed about the creatures helps as well. By keeping them well-fed and making sure they stay on the palms of her hands, where the skin is tougher, there is little danger of the leeches actually latching on and sucking blood.

Despite the careful handling, some tourists still feel uneasy. Many get anxious as she goes to pull the leeches out of their bowls, even though the tourists never get close. Some react to the point of getting physically ill.

"We almost make it a points game," McWhirt said. "If you have a person pass out, a person have to leave the room, you get so

many points. I've had people pass out, I've had people leave, I had one kid who almost threw up."

There are some tourists who enjoy the leech demonstration. Some show interest in buying them for themselves; others want to touch them.

"We had a woman who was very fond of them and just all she wanted to do was stroke the leech," McWhirt recalled.

Working at the historical site has brought McWhirt into contact with a wide variety of tourists from all over the world. Some are just curious, while others want to discuss and compare current medical practices to those of the colonial world.

Tourists can do some strange things when they encounter the employees at the Apothecary. Countless people peer the window, try to wave at them and even want to take pictures of their shoes. Such requests are common, considering that the employees wear replicas of authentic colonial clothing.

"My favorite tourists of all time were the two Korean men with cameras who wanted to take me to dinner at Clubborne's afterward," McWhirt said with a laugh. "They thought I was so brave for touching the leech and they had to reward me with dinner. That was pretty cool. I didn't go, obviously. That would have been sketchy."

The average number of people that come through varies by season. Winter is the slowest season, while business peaks during the spring and summer.

School groups routinely show up, bringing up to 200 students in one day. These are her favorite groups.

"It's great to see the kids freak out," she said. "We do a lot of hands-on stuff with them."

McWhirt wanted a job to prepare for a future career.

"I actually got the job when I was looking into going in the field



Photo by AMY M. HALL

Sophomore Lindy McWhirt dresses in historical clothing for her job at the Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop on Caroline Street downtown.

of historic preservation, and I did. All through high school when I worked there I tried to get into museum work."

The apothecary owner offered her a job while she was applying to schools, a little part-time in Fredericksburg. When that job fell through, she came back to the apothecary.

"I went down there and I was like 'Hey, remember me? I kind of like leeches.' And she's like 'Yes, she did.' McWhirt said.

Before she could finish working, she had to memorize a five-page script outlining the tour. She also had to read several books and observe tours.

Her freshman class ignited a passion other than historic preservation and leeches. McWhirt is now a sociology major with a concentration in anthropology.

McWhirt has decided to expand her studies while at work.

"I still get to interact with people that come in and the mentality of the tourists is very comforting to me," she said. "So even though I kind of have a crazy future plan, it still kind of applies."

Groundhog Day 2005

Punxsutawney Phil delivered his annual winter prediction yesterday. The famous groundhog saw his shadow on Gobbler's Knob, determining that there will be another six weeks of wintry weather.



Students Confirm Facebook Is A Hit

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Hughes, co-founder of Thefacebook.com, Zuckerberg came up with the idea to have an interactive social networking database.

He commissioned four friends, including Hughes, to help with the project and in February 2004, Thefacebook.com was born.

"We wanted students to have control over what information they would provide to their peers—screen names, favorite movies, classes and friends," Hughes said. "Instead of having just a college-issued facebook with terrible headshots taken at the beginning of your first year and uninteresting information about you. We thought we would provide something like that, but over which each user could have control."

In that vein, he said,

Thefacebook.com is a Web site that is both a resource for

information, communication

and a means for recreation.

Only members of Thefacebook.com can search for other members. Users can only see information about users who go to their school, unless they are friends with someone from another college.

A user can also adjust their privacy settings so that people only see information that they want them to see.

Despite these precautions, Cedric Rucker, dean of student life, is concerned about students' safety.

"With any online community, students need to

be aware that it's a public forum," he said. "Be cautious of the type of information one shares, especially in an era of identity theft, where people are not as kind as they could be."

Hughes is not sure that privacy is not a problem.

"We have had surprisingly few complaints about privacy issues, probably because Thefacebook.com is a secure site with a myriad of privacy options," he said. "We're confident that our members are intelligent enough not to give out any personal information that they want to put in public. If any user does use the network inappropriately, we'll throw that person off the network. Additionally, any user can block another specific user from seeing her profile by going to her privacy options page."

Crerie is not at all concerned about privacy.

"I put up the information that I want people to be able to access," she said. "If I don't want people to know something, I don't put it on my profile."

Hornick is not worried about his privacy either.

"What's good about Thefacebook.com is that you can put as much or as little personal information as you want on it, so it's up to the person how much information they want to give out," he said. "If you give your screen name you shouldn't be shocked that someone instant messaged you. All you have to do is not post your personal information if you are worried about privacy."

Though Thefacebook.com has taken the campus by storm, Berry does not think the fad will last for long.

"It seems like it's just one of those phenomena that comes, spikes for awhile, and then settles into the background once people get bored with it," he said. "So my prediction is nobody will care in a month or two."

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Happy Valentine's Day to all my best friends! We don't need girls in our lives to have a good time.

Hey baby, Thanks for putting the light inside of my life. I wouldn't be what I am today without you. XOXO, Me

Scene



Lesley Johnson/Bullet

Film Festival Showcases Students' Creativity

By CAITLIN YOUNG
Staff Writer

Last year, the University of Mary Washington Student Government Association sponsored Mary Washington's first student film festival, "The Spectacle." This year, the SGA will showcase again the talents of student filmmakers. The second annual Student Film Festival (SFF) will take place on Friday, Feb. 4 in Dodd Auditorium.

Junior Elise Tobin, SGA Student Film Festival Committee Chair, heads the committee of volunteers who have organized the SFF. She was in charge of the committee last year as well and is looking forward to the second festival. She estimates that roughly 500 people attended the festival last year and she said she is hoping turnout will be just as good this time.

"The festival seemed pretty popular last year and I'm really excited about doing it again," Tobin said. "I hope people come out like they did last year."

This year's festival is largely similar to the first, with some changes. There are now two categories under which films can be submitted—films three to twelve minutes in length, or 60 seconds or under.

Students wishing to participate in the festival this year were required to submit an entry form declaring their intent to make a film by Nov. 30, 2004. According to Tobin, 25 to 30 films were submitted. For the films themselves, participants were given a deadline of Jan. 17, 2005. According to Tobin, 10 films were submitted in the three to 12-minute category, and two in the 60 -

seconds or under category.

"The caliber of the films this year is superior," Tobin said. "There are better stories, better editing and camera work, and a more competitive selection for the judges."

The judges Tobin mentions are a panel of three faculty members and two students, who will choose a first-prize winner in the shorter category and a first, second and third prize winner from among the longer films. Tobin said she is thankful for the time the judges have donated to the event.

The members of the SFF committee have been working hard to make sure that everything goes well the night of the festival. Junior Laura Ramsey, secretary and senator for SGA, has been taking care of cast and director relations for the event.

Her job has included working with the films' directors, answering any questions they had and keeping track of their information. Ramsey, along with Anna deSocio and Lesley Johnson, scene editor for the *Bullet*, were in charge of constructing the "Wall of Fame," a display in the lobby of Dodd Auditorium that will include pictures of all the directors.

"I was on the committee last year [and] I wanted to do it again because I truly believe 'The Spectacle' is the best event on campus," Ramsey said. "The committee is a ton of fun to work with and I love seeing what creative genius the directors can come up with."

Megan Martinez, sophomore and Senate telecommunications co-chair, has been in charge of publicity for the festival. Her duties include typing the programs for the event and having them printed, as well as coordinating the judging of the films. Martinez said she too is enthusiastic about her involvement in the event.

"I think that the Spectacle is an amazing event

and I love being involved with it," she said. "It targets every student on campus and it's one of those events that everyone can enjoy."

On the night of the festival, the area in front of Dodd Auditorium will be transformed into the exterior of a Hollywood awards show, complete with a red carpet and a limousine service. There will be a live audio-visual feed from outside into the auditorium, so that attendees can watch the films' directors arriving.

Senior Jon Yonce will be the master of ceremonies for the event and door prizes will be given to members of the audience. Seven of the 10 films from the longer category will be shown, as well as both from the shorter category, adding up to approximately 80 minutes of film. Following the viewings, "celebrity" presenters will give out the awards to the winning

filmmakers.

Tobin hopes the second film festival will be as successful as the first, and looks forward to continuing the event in future years.

"I became involved with it because I have a great interest in film and I think it's important for people who love making movies to have a forum," she said.

Second Annual Student Film Festival

Friday, Feb. 4
Doors open at 6 p.m.
Dodd Auditorium
Free admission



By MIRIAM OUHAMOU
Staff Writer

Film director Zhang Yimou has caused quite a stir in his native China. Yimou graduated from China's only film school, the Beijing Central Film Academy, departing from the traditional cinematic style of making propaganda films.

Overtly critical of the communist regime, several of Yimou's films have been criticized, censored or banned altogether in the country. Internationally, however, his films have piqued the curiosity of many and won numerous accolades.

The upcoming Asian Film Festival, running from Feb. 2 through Feb. 5, will feature four of Yimou's most notable works: "The Story of Qiuju," "Raise the Red

Lantern," "To Live" and "Hero."

The Asian Film Festival, sponsored by the Leidecker Center for Asian Studies, is in its second year. This year, the Film Festival's theme is the use and abuse of power; all four films explore the topic in some way. The power issue is being explored further in the Classics, Philosophy and Religion lecture class entitled "Mysterium Humanum: Uses and Abuses of Power."

"We kind of co-opted the Festival to fit the lecture themes," said Joseph Romero, assistant professor of classics and co-organizer of the event. "We hope to contribute to an ongoing discussion about how power works."

David Ambuel, associate professor of philosophy and the Leidecker chair of Asian Studies, hopes the Film Festival will raise greater interest in Asian studies.

Propaganda Films Use And Abuse Power

"It's an opportunity to see good films...and hopefully it will pique interest in Asian culture, history and language."

While the four films might seem different at first, closer inspection will reveal a link to the power theme. For example, the series' first film, "The Story of Qiuju," follows a peasant pursuing justice and her encounters with the Chinese bureaucracy. The next film, "Raise the Red Lantern," is about a 20-year-old college student who is forced to marry a wealthy aristocrat, becoming his fourth wife and arousing jealousy among the other wives. "To Live," which was banned in China, tells a parallel story of one couple's struggle for survival and the turbulent history of China. The last film in the series, "Hero," stars Jet Li as a warrior who prevents the emperor's assassination. Made in 2002, this film is the most nationalistic and friendliest to the Chinese government.

"By showing four of his films, you get a sense of depth rather than a scattering of four movies by four separate directors...and people get to meet a fantastic director," Romero said.

Asian Film Festival

Following movies shown in Chandler 102 at 5 p.m.
Feb. 2 -- "The Story of Qiuju"
Feb. 3 -- "Raise the Red Lantern"
Feb. 4 -- "To Live"
Following movie shown in Combs 139 at 2 p.m.
Feb. 5 -- "Hero"
Free Admission

Top 3 Movies

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1. "Hide and Seek"



2. "Are We There Yet?"



3. "Million Dollar Baby"

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Jazz Emanates From Dodd Auditorium

By ZACH BOWMAN
Staff Writer

Where can students go to see live big band performances of Grammy winning songs by Natalie Cole and Santana, as well as Duke Ellington and Gershwin classics? Such a diverse show will be put on by the University of Mary Washington Jazz Ensemble directed by Doug Gately on Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m. The music department sponsored event will be completely free of charge and, according to the director, will not be something to miss.

The 19-person ensemble is a full-complement big band including six brass, five saxophones, a full rhythm section and two vocalists. The group will be playing anywhere from 10 to 12 pieces spanning a full spectrum of musical influences. Planned highlights include renditions of Santana's "Smooth," Gershwin's "S Wonderful," and Duke Ellington's "I Got It Bad."

"That's the exciting thing about jazz," Gately, director of the jazz, flute, and clarinet ensembles, said. "It's very flexible."

Saxophonist Kelly Minton, a senior who has been in the Jazz Ensemble for four years, will be soloing in "Harlem Nocturne," written by Dick Rogers and Earle Hagan in 1940.

"It's grittier, not big band up tempo," Minton said. "It's a sleazy, nighttime seduction song."

Gately's favorite piece of the performance is a more contemporary tune, "Blues for Bela," written by Don Sebesky for Bela Bartok, a classical Hungarian composer who died in 1945. The piece borrows and improvises on Bartok's melodies.

"It's very progressive; it's not your typical tap-your-foot jazz tune. There are moments of complete improvisation by one or more players



at the same time with a lot of percussion," Gately said.

Aside from the large ensemble's show, the concert will feature a number of small group performances as well.

The annual Jazz Ensemble concert is usually held in mid-March, but due to a high number of performances competing for time in Dodd Auditorium, Gately volunteered the Jazz Ensemble to be one of the earlier shows. The earlier date only allows for three rehearsals for the show, but the director is confident in the ensemble's ability.

"We'll be the ones to bite the bullet and go first, my guys can get ready. They'll be great. We can put [the concert] together in a very short period of time," Gately said.

Gately, a professional musician, has a long history with jazz. He came to the University of Mary Washington, then Mary Washington College, in 1999 after retiring from the U.S. Air Force Jazz Band.

"I always find any live performance exciting. Because it's jazz, there's much of the performance that's improvisational. [The Students] are not reading necessarily from the music, they're creating from their hearts and minds. It's always a fresh performance. I think that's exciting in and of itself," Gately said.

Also, students can look forward to the Jazz Ensemble in the University of Mary Washington Jazz Festival in early April. The Jazz Festival will be a completely different program with more complex pieces.

Jazz Ensemble

Friday, Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m.
Dodd Auditorium
Free admission



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Saturday Feb. 5

Step Show: 7 p.m.—Dodd Auditorium

Students: \$5 and Public: \$7

Afterparty 9 p.m.—Underground

Free Admission

The Horoscopes

By KATIE TELLER
Editor in Chief

ARIES (MARCH 21 to APRIL 19)

This month, you will excel in sports and other physical activities. Be sure to save some of your energy, though, because you will need it for an academically demanding month.

TAURUS (APRIL 20 to MAY 20)

You're stubborn, but compromise never hurt anyone. Try putting your pride on the back burner, especially in romance matters. You'll be pleasantly surprised at what you can get when you let your ego take a backseat.

GEMINI (MAY 21 to JUNE 21)

You are famous for your split personalities. It's time to get your act together. If you've been two-faced, it's time to start being true to your friends and family. You'll catch more flies with honey than with vinegar.

CANCER (JUNE 22 to JULY 22)

Stop being such a crab! Your negative attitude is a turn-off to everyone, especially to members of the opposite sex. You don't want to be alone on the fourteenth, do you? Then shape up.

LEO (JULY 23 to AUG. 22)

Winter is not normally your season, but cheer up! Good news is coming your way, and that's something to smile about. And when you're smiling, the whole world smiles with you. Keep that in mind.

VIRGO (AUG. 23 to SEPT. 22)

If you want to get with that hot member of the opposite sex, you need to make yourself known. Maybe try a new look.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23 to OCT. 22)

Get off the fence! Your inherent indecisiveness will be your downfall if you don't take a position on something. You will have to make an important decision about your future, and copping out won't help you out.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23 to Nov. 21)

Hey sexy. You're looking good these days. Have you been working out? Your efforts are not going unnoticed—someone is watching you, and in a good way. The 21st of February may be your day for romance.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22 to DEC. 21)

You may be the archer of the zodiac, but this month Cupid hits you with one of his arrows. And don't even think about trying to resist—it nobody likes a commitment-phobic.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22 to JAN. 19)

You may want to gamble on the Super Bowl or college basketball, but watch your wallet. You may end up really happy if you win—but if you lose all your money, you'll be up the creek without a paddle.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20 to FEB. 18)

You may feel a little lonely this month. That's okay, and it's normal. Rely on your close friends and your family—they are there for you and love you. Remember that, and cheer up because things won't suck forever.

PISCES (FEB. 19 to MARCH 20)

You've been really into yourself lately, but it's time to let other people into your life. Like the old adage says, there is no "I" in "team." Start listening to the old adages, and you'll find a lot of truth.

News



Haley Amey/Bullet

The Fairfax House (left) and the Hamlet House (right) will not be torn down, despite rumors, because there is no place to house the employees who work there.

Destruction Of Houses A Rumor

By ADELE CHAPIN
Staff Writer

Contrary to rumor, Fairfax House and Hamlet House, two of six small structures owned by the University of Mary Washington, are not in danger of being replaced by newer buildings.

"There are no plans to tear down Fairfax or Hamlet. Interesting rumor, though," said Executive Vice President Richard Hurley. "Even if someone wanted to tear them down, we don't have any additional space into which we could move the employees who work in those houses."

In fact, these two buildings, which currently house University offices, have had thousands of dollars worth of remodeling.

"In the last two years, we have put probably \$60,000 to \$80,000 worth of improvements, mostly Fairfax, but also in the other houses," said John Wiltenmuth, associate vice president of facilities services.

Wiltenmuth has a possible explanation for the rumor, stating that facilities services looked into building on the site behind Westmoreland

where Hamlet House and Fairfax House are located.

"We asked the question, 'If we took those buildings down, would that provide space for other building projects?' But we decided against it," he said.

Carter Hudgins, chair of the history department, had some memory of such a proposal.

"I have heard nothing about the demolition of either of those houses although I recall hearing that, once cleared, [that] that part of the campus would be a good location for a dorm or another academic building," Hudgins said.

Professor Gary Stanton, associate professor of historic preservation, has also heard that the locations of Fairfax and Hamlet houses was discussed as a possible location for other academic buildings.

"I don't believe that the facilities services people would be unhappy to see them go, they represent buildings that do not conform to building code requirements for educational institutions," he said.

In April 2000, students of historic preservation

associate professor and chair Wendy Price compiled a history of Mary Washington College, including information on Hamlet House and Fairfax House.

"The issue of demolition was something that my students were concerned about in 2000, but I have not heard any recent discussion," Price said.

The University owns six houses on campus, Marye, Framar, Brent, Tyler, Fairfax, and Hamlet.

Their use over the years has been controversial.

In February 2003, two students wrote editorials protesting the college's decision to turn Marye House from a substance-free residence hall into the offices that are currently housed there today.

According to the developmental history of the college compiled by students in 2000, Hamlet House was acquired by the college in 1937, where it once served as student housing, then a

center for campus psychological services, and then voice services, which processed campus phone bills.

Fairfax House once served as the college infirmary before the construction of Mercer Hall. In 1956, Fairfax became home for the dean of students. Later, the building was home to seven students and was considered an extension of Westmoreland residence hall. By

1970, Fairfax was remodeled and turned into offices.

Junior Debbie Kim thinks that the houses are an important part of the atmosphere at the institution. "I think Fairfax and Hamlet House provide a quaint element to the campus. I would hate to see them go," she said.

The historic preservation students who created the April 2000 report were also concerned the houses remain fixture on campus.

"The six houses, Framar, Brent, Marye, Hamlet, Tyler and Fairfax need to be maintained because they are an integral part of Mary Washington College history," the students wrote.

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Students Rate Professors On-Line

By LEAH TRIPPLETT
Staff Writer

As spring classes began, some University of Mary Washington students rested knowing their course schedule was chosen based on smiley faces and chili peppers.

The Web site RateMyProfessors.com is a no-cost site where students from 4,358 colleges can rate 495,534 professors anonymously in categories such as "helpfulness," "clarity," "overall quality" and how interesting students find the instructor. Students can score professors using a range from one to five with one being the lowest favorable score and five being the highest favorable score. In addition to these categories, a professor can be rated as "hot," and given a chili pepper.

According to the Web site, UMW students have the opportunity to rate 296 professors at no cost with either a smiley face or a frown.

Increasingly, students planning class schedules prior to registration use the website in order to pick professor best suited for their needs.

According to RateMyProfessors.com, the site's purpose is to help students create the perfect schedule.

"We do not encourage or discourage the use of this site," said Susan Colbow, assistant registrar for information management at the University of Mary Washington. "We expect students to meet with their academic advisor to

prepare a scheduling plan."

Judy Ginter, the registrar at the University of Mary Washington, emphasized this expectation.

"We encourage students to work with their advisors when choosing classes," Ginter said.

"We think that students need to focus on their educational and professional goals when choosing courses."

RateMyProfessors.com justifies its existence as being for the students.

"We believe that students are the customers of professors—and we believe they absolutely have a right to voice their opinions," the Web

Other students use the ratings only to make a decision while registering. "I only use it as a last resort to decide between two teachers," junior Sarah Robinson, a staff writer for the *Bullet*, said. "I chose the ones that were rated well."

All of the reviews posted on RateMyProfessors.com are anonymous and posted at no cost. The Web site states that the posts are "a listing of opinions and should be judged as such."

The inability to verify posts does not seem to inhibit students from believing the ratings.

"People are more truthful when they can be

evaluated," said Jeffrey Edmunds, assistant professor in mathematics. "[The Web site] won't check too closely to see if the comment has any merit."

"As far as I know there is no real control to ensure that someone posting a rating has ever taken the course with the professor they are rating."

According to the Web site, all ratings are reviewed and especially hateful ones are deleted.

"Comments should be about teaching ability," RateMyProfessor.com states. "Every new rating is reviewed, and we reserve the right to delete comments or the entire rating."

Although Edmunds is rated well on RateMyProfessor.com, he expressed doubts as to the validity of the postings.

"Someone who chooses to go to the site and post a rating has probably had either a very positive or a very negative experience with that professor. Thus, the 'average rating' score they give is really meaningless to me."

According to RateMyProfessors.com, they receive both positive and negative feedback.

"We get a lot of e-mails from teachers telling us they like the site, and we've had some telling us how the site has helped them," the Web site states. "We also get some pretty hateful e-mails telling us how inappropriate the site is, and how they are going to shut us down."

Five Highest Rated Professors		Five Lowest Rated Professors	
Name	Overall Rating	Name	Overall Rating
Eric Lorentzen	5.0	Patricia Dean	1.6
Rod Wood	5.0	Katie Shaw	1.8
Dale Wright	5.0	Charles Sharpless	1.9
Jane Gatewood	5.0	Robert Ducharme	2.1
Art Vandalay	5.0	Werner Wieland	2.2

site states. "[The Web site is] a resource for helping you plan your class schedule."

Some students who utilize the Web site find the site and the ratings categories crucial in making registration decisions.

"The Web site is very helpful," freshman Chris Dudley said. "It worked for all my teachers last semester."

anonymous," Dudley said. "I would not take a professor with a bad rating if it is possible."

The bad ratings, however, could simply be out of spite or a practical joke, as there is no definitive way to prove the statements.

"So for instance, I could pull a prank on Dr. Mellinger by going to the Web site, registering as a student, and giving him a scathing

Viewpoints



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No Christians Left Behind

By ERIN LEACH-KEMON
Staff Writer

According to Carol Morello, staff writer for The Washington Post, apprehensive parents in Staunton have expressed doubts as to the utilitarian effects of Bible study during the school day at their children's elementary school, McSwain Elementary.

Conveniently, a Baptist church exists just beyond the school's "jungle-gym," permitting parents the option of twice-a-week, hour long religious studies and worship.

Upholding the constitutionality of the program, permission slips are distributed at the beginning of each school year, allowing parents to withhold their child from advancing his or her knowledge and piety in the Christian faith. Four groups, each varying in grade level, are transported across the school grounds with the assistance of volunteers, namely parents and church members.

Initially introduced in 1914 by a school superintendent from Indiana, the concept of Bible study in the classroom is facing hardly a new debate.

Envision the following hypothetical scene: 15 second-graders, 15 coats, 15 scarves, 15 pairs of gloves, and 15 hats. Sudden revelations

of bathroom necessity, hair-pulling and misplaced milk money. Ten minutes pass. A 100-foot trek across the ankle-deep, snow covered asphalt. Five minutes pass. Hyper chatter, arm wrestling, and the strained voice pleading silence for opening prayer. Eight minutes. Twenty-three minutes have passed.

Given another 20-minute attempt at departure, actual lesson plans meet a time constraint of barely 15 minutes since these schools allow one hour for these weekly programs. Perhaps, next week we will see rise to a circulation of petitions insisting upon extended time periods, justified in the name of God.

Certainly, the Bible study programs are not required, yet parents who choose to opt out of the offer find themselves in a paralyzing situation.

Claiming that the majority (80-85 percent) of the class attends these functions, teachers consider it a burden to repeat lesson plans for absent students, therefore twice a week an hour of class time is dedicated to "busy work" for those who are left behind.

School systems are grappling with the concern of Standards of Learning test scores, for which they are extending school years, yet administrators willingly concur with two hours

of religious devotion a week. Opponents of class time Bible study suggested an alternative of after-school sessions; however, parents ignored this compromise, expressing scheduling conflicts in regards to their work hours.

Parental complaints extend above the lack of instruction time resulting and broach the subject of discrimination from other students and teachers.

Countering the argument of the psychological effects on elementary school students whose parents chose not to involve their children in the program, the irresolute generalization was made that "they [third-graders at McSwain] said they never heard anybody say anything mean to the students who do not attend."

Aside from the wavering validity of an 8-year-old's observations, one must recognize the immediate inner conflict created for a young child when confronted with the concept that he or she is receiving alternate treatment from peers.

How does a parent explain to a child that he cannot receive the same colorful pencils and appealing candy as his classmates on the premise that he is Jewish?

In the pre-teen stage of heightened

insecurity, the average elementary school student will struggle with the disheartening concept of rejection. Abstract notions, such as one's religious beliefs are hardly developed at the age of 8, however the desire to experience acceptance from peers is thriving.

Children attempting to overcome or hide their own insecurities by harassing and ostracizing other children exist in most schools. Should adults contribute to this conflict by designing additional systems of exclusion?

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News



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Destruction Of Houses A Rumor

By ADELE CHAPIN
Staff Writer

Contrary to rumor, Fairfax House and Hamlet House, two of six small structures owned by the University of Mary Washington, are not in danger of being replaced by newer buildings.

"There are no plans to tear down Fairfax or Hamlet. Interesting rumor, though," said Executive Vice President Richard Hurley. "Even if someone wanted to tear them down, we don't have any additional space into which we could move the employees who work in those houses."

In fact, these two buildings, which currently house University offices, have had thousands of dollars worth of remodeling.

"In the last two years, we have put probably \$60,000 to \$80,000 worth of improvements, mostly Fairfax, but also in the other houses," said John Wittenmuth, associate vice president of facilities services.

Wittenmuth has a possible explanation for the rumor, stating that facilities services looked into building on the site behind Westmoreland

where Hamlet House and Fairfax House are located.

"We asked the question, 'If we took those buildings down, would that provide space for other building projects?' But we decided against it," he said.

Carter Hudgins, chair of the history department, had some memory of such a proposal.

"I have heard nothing about the demolition of either of those houses although I recall hearing that, once cleared, [that] part of the campus would be a good location for a dorm or another academic building," Hudgins said.

Professor Gary Stanton, associate professor of historic preservation has also heard that the locations of Fairfax and Hamlet houses was discussed as a possible location for other building projects.

"I don't believe that the facilities services people would be unhappy to see them go, they represent buildings that do not conform to building code requirements for educational institutions," he said.

In April 2000, students of historic preservation

associate professor and chair Wendy Price compiled a history of Mary Washington College, including information on Hamlet House and Fairfax House.

"The issue of demolition was something that my students were concerned about in 2000, but I have not heard any recent discussion," Price said.

The University owns six houses on campus, Mary, Framar, Brent, Tyler, Fairfax, and Hamlet.

Their use over the years has been controversial.

In February 2003, two students wrote editorials protesting the college's decision to turn Mary House from a substance-free residence hall into the offices that are currently housed there to day.

According to the developmental history of the college compiled by students in 2000, Hamlet House was acquired by the college in 1937, where it once served as student housing, then a

center for campus psychological services, and then voice services, which processed campus phone bills.

Fairfax House once served as the college infirmary before the construction of Merle Hall. In 1956, Fairfax became home for the dean of students. Later, the building was home to seven students and was considered an extension of Westmoreland residence hall. By

1970, Fairfax was remodeled and turned into offices.

Junior Debbie Kim thinks that the houses are an important part of the atmosphere at the institution. "I think Fairfax and Hamlet House provide a quaint element to the campus. I would hate to see them go," she said.

The historic preservation students who created the April 2000 report were also concerned the houses remain fixture on campus.

"The six houses, Framar, Brent, Mary, Hamlet, Tyler and Fairfax need to be maintained because they are an integral part of Mary Washington College history," the students wrote.

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Students Rate Professors On-Line

By LEAH TRIPPLETT
Staff Writer

As spring classes began, some University of Mary Washington students started knowing their course schedule was chosen based on smiley faces and chili peppers.

The Web site RateMyProfessors.com is a no-cost site where students from 4,358 colleges can rate 495,534 professors anonymously in categories such as "helpfulness," "clarity," "overall quality" and how interesting students find the instructor. Students can score professors using a range from one to five with one being the lowest favorable score and five being the highest favorable score. In addition to these categories, a professor can be rated as "hot," and given a chili pepper.

According to the Web site, UMW students have the opportunity to rate 296 professors at no cost with either a smiley face or a frown.

Increasingly, students planning class schedules prior to registration use the website in order to pick professor best suited for their needs.

According to RateMyProfessors.com, the site's purpose is to help students create the perfect schedule.

"We do not encourage or discourage the use of this site," said Susan Colbow, assistant registrar for information management at the University of Mary Washington. "We expect students to meet with their academic advisor to

prepare a scheduling plan."

Judy Ginter, the registrar at the University of Mary Washington, emphasized this expectation.

"We encourage students to work with their advisors when choosing classes," Ginter said.

"We think that students need to focus on their educational and professional goals when choosing courses."

RateMyProfessors.com justifies its existence as being for the students.

"We believe that students are the customers of professors—and we believe they absolutely have a right to voice their opinions," the Web

Other students use the ratings only to make a decision while registering. "I only use it as a last resort to decide between two teachers," junior Sarah Robinson, a staff writer for the *Bullet*, said. "I chose the ones that were rated well."

All of the reviews posted on RateMyProfessors.com are anonymous and posted at no cost. The Web site states that the posts are "a listing of opinions and should be judged as such."

The inability to verify posts does not seem to inhibit students from believing the ratings.

"People are more truthful when they can be

evaluated," said Jeffrey Edmunds, assistant professor in mathematics. "[The web site] won't check too closely to see if the comment has any merit."

"As far as I know there is no real control to ensure that someone posting a rating has ever taken the course with the professor they are rating."

According to the Web site, all ratings are reviewed and especially hateful ones are deleted.

"Comments should be about teaching ability," RateMyProfessor.com states. "Every new rating is reviewed, and we reserve the right to delete comments on the entire rating."

Although Edmunds is rated well on RateMyProfessor.com, he expressed doubts as to the validity of the postings.

"Someone who chooses to go to the site and post a rating has probably had either a very positive or a very negative experience with that professor. Thus, the 'average rating' score they give is really meaningless to me."

According to RateMyProfessors.com, they receive both positive and negative feedback.

"We get a lot of e-mails from teachers telling us they like the site, and we've had some telling us how the site has helped them," the Web site states. "We also get some pretty hateful e-mails telling us how inappropriate the site is, and how they are going to shut us down."

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Eric Lorentzen	5.0	Patricia Dean	1.6
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Some students who utilize the Web site find the site and the ratings categories crucial in making registration decisions.

"[The Web site] is very helpful," freshman Chris Dudley said. "It worked for all my teachers last semester."

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The bad ratings, however, could simply be out of spite or a practical joke, as there is no definitive way to prove the statements.

"So for instance, I could pull a prank on Dr. Mellinger by going to the Web site, registering as a student, and giving him a scathing

Viewpoints



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No Christians Left Behind

By ERIN LEACH-KEMON
Staff Writer

According to Carol Morello, staff writer for The Washington Post, apprehensive parents in Staunton have expressed doubts as to the utilitarian effects of Bible study during the school day at their children's elementary school, McSwain Elementary.

Conveniently, a Baptist church exists just beyond the school's "jungle-gym," permitting parents the option of twice-a-week, hour long religious studies and worship.

Upholding the constitutionality of the program, permission slips are distributed at the beginning of each school year, allowing parents to withhold their child from advancing his or her knowledge and piety in the Christian faith. Four groups, each varying in grade level, are transported across the school grounds with the assistance of volunteers, namely parents and church members.

Initially introduced in 1914 by a school superintendent from Indiana, the concept of Bible study in the classroom is facing hardly a new debate.

Envision the following hypothetical scene: 15 second-graders, 15 coats, 15 scarves, 15 pairs of gloves, and 15 hats. Sudden revelations

of bathroom necessity, hair-pulling and misplaced milk money. Ten minutes pass. A 100-foot trek across the ankle-deep, snow covered asphalt. Five minutes pass. Hyper chatter, arm wrestling, and the strained voice pleading silence for opening prayer. Eight minutes. Twenty-three minutes have passed.

Given another 20-minute attempt at departure, actual lesson plans meet a time constraint of barely 15 minutes since these schools allow one hour for these weekly programs. Perhaps, next week we will see rise to a circulation of petitions insisting upon extended time periods, justified in the name of God.

Certainly, the Bible study programs are not required, yet parents who choose to opt out of the offer find themselves in a paralyzing situation.

Claiming that the majority (80-85 percent) of the class attends these functions, teachers consider it a burden to repeat lesson plans for absent students, therefore twice a week an hour of class time is dedicated to "busy work" for those who are left behind.

School systems are grappling with the concern of Standards of Learning test scores, for which they are extending school years, yet administrators willingly concur with two hours

of religious devotion a week. Opponents of class time Bible study suggested an alternative of after-school sessions; however, parents ignored this compromise, expressing scheduling conflicts in regards to their work hours.

Parental complaints extend above the lack of instruction time resulting and broach the subject of discrimination from other students and teachers.

Countering the argument of the psychological effects on elementary school students whose parents chose not to involve their children in the program, the irresolute generalization was made that "they [third-graders at McSwain] said they never heard anybody say anything mean to the students who do not attend."

Aside from the wavering validity of an 8-year-old's observations, one must recognize the immediate inner conflict created for a young child when confronted with the concept that he or she is receiving alternate treatment from peers.

How does a parent explain to a child that he cannot receive the same colorful pencils and appealing candy as his classmates on the premise that he is Jewish?

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The Eagles (14-5, 7-2 CAC) will face Gallaudet University Saturday at 2 p.m. Bruen is confident things will turn around for the team.

"We're ready to win the next one," she said.

Upcoming Events

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Feb. 7 - Women's Basketball vs. Christendom College, 7 p.m.



Men Lose To Catholic

By DAVE BUSCHENFELDT
Sports Editor

With 10 seconds to play in the game, the University of Mary Washington men's basketball team trailed Catholic 48-46. Head coach Rod Wood yelled to his team, "One shot!" He then pointed to sophomore Mike Lee and said, "You got it." Lee drove into the lane and passed to freshman Jon Pierce in the right corner. Pierce's 3-point attempt bounced off the rim and Catholic grabbed the rebound and called a timeout.

Sophomore Scott Fumai went on to hit two free throws to secure a 50-46 win for the visiting Cardinals.

"I was getting ready to call a timeout, and to be perfectly honest with you, I think that we're better talent-wise than [Catholic]," Wood said. "We had the best player on the court with the ball in his hands. That's what it comes down to. At that time, coaching is all over. You're the best player, go. And what did we get? A wide open three to win it. I couldn't have drew up a better play."

The atmosphere inside of Goolrick Gymnasium was electric to begin the game and the stands were overflowing with cheering Eagle fans. Catholic quickly quieted the raucous crowd by going on a 13-0 run over the first four and a half minutes.

"[We were] nervous and jacked up too high," Wood said. "I was afraid of that."

The Eagles finally were able to get on the board when sophomore A.J. Fitzgerald nailed a 3-pointer from the top of the key at 15:21. On the next defensive possession, Fitzgerald made a steal and fed Lee, who drained a 3-pointer of his own, and the Eagles were rolling.

Back-to-back layups by Lee cut the Catholic lead to 15-10 with 13 minutes left in the half, but the Cardinals quickly pushed their lead back to nine. A 3-pointer by freshman Justin Baker brought the Eagles to within two with three minutes to play, and after a Catholic layup, Lee nailed another 3-pointer to make the score 25-24 less than a minute before halftime. The Eagles went into the locker room trailing 27-24.

At halftime, the doubles tennis tandem of Paul Bristow and Dan Uyar was honored on the court as they received their rings for winning the National Championship last spring.

The Eagles came out slow again to begin the second half, and had fallen behind 36-26 four minutes in. Back-to-back 3-pointers by Fitzgerald and freshman Kevin Galatin, and a driving layup by Lee over the outstretched arms of the Catholic big men had the Eagles right back to within two less than four minutes later.

The Eagles began to pick up the intensity as Lee dove on the floor after a loose ball and sophomore Josh Wilson hustled to save the ball from going out of bounds. Fitzgerald carried the ball down the court and found Lee who

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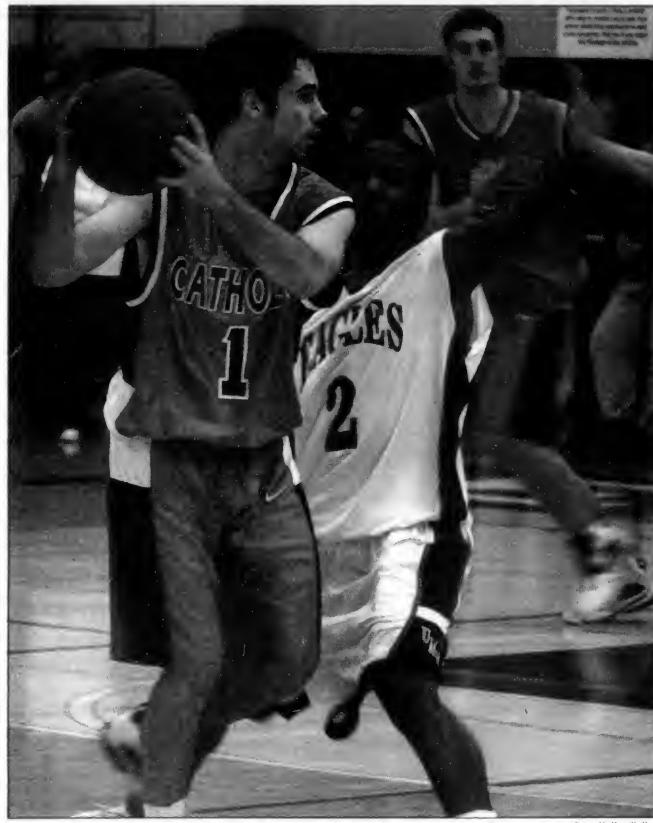
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Athlete of the Week

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The Eagles (14-5, 7-2 CAC) will face Gallaudet University Saturday at 2 p.m. Bruen is confident things will turn around for the team.

"We're ready to win the next one," she said.

Men Lose To Catholic

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With 10 seconds to play in the game, the University of Mary Washington men's basketball team trailed Catholic 48-46. Head coach Rod Wood yelled to his team, "One shot!" He then pointed to sophomore Mike Lee and said, "You got it." Lee drove into the lane and passed to freshman Jon Pierce in the right corner. Pierce's 3-point attempt bounced off the rim and Catholic grabbed the rebound and called a timeout.

Sophomore Scott Fumar went on to hit two free throws to secure a 50-46 win for the visiting Cardinals.

"I was getting ready to call a timeout, and to be perfectly honest with you, I think that we're better talent-wise than [Catholic]," Wood said. "We had the best player on the court with the ball in his hands. That's what it comes down to. At that time, coaching is all over. You're the best player, go. And what did we get? A wide open three to win it. I couldn't have drew up a better play."

The atmosphere inside of Godrick Gymnasium was electric to begin the game and the stands were overflowing with cheering Eagle fans. Catholic quickly quieted the raucous crowd by going on a 13-0 run over the first four and a half minutes.

"We were nervous and jacked up too high," Wood said. "I was afraid of that."

The Eagles finally were able to get on the board when sophomore A.J. Fitzgerald nailed a 3-pointer from the top of the key at 15:21. On the next defensive possession, Fitzgerald made a steal and fed Lee, who drained a 3-pointer of his own, and the Eagles were rolling.

Back-to-back layups by Lee cut the Catholic lead to 15-10 with 13 minutes left in the half, but the Cardinals quickly pushed their lead back to nine. A 3-pointer by freshman Justin Baker brought the Eagles to within two with three minutes to play, and after a Catholic layup, Lee nailed another 3-pointer to make the score 25-24 less than a minute before halftime. The Eagles went into the locker room trailing 27-24.

At halftime, the doubles tennis tandem of Paul Bristow and Dan Uyar was honored on the court as they received their rings for winning the National Championship last spring.

The Eagles came out slow again to begin the second half, and had fallen behind 36-26 four minutes in. Back-to-back 3-pointers by Fitzgerald and freshman Kevin Galimat, and a driving layup by Lee over the outstretched arms of the Catholic big men had the Eagles right back to within two less than four minutes later.

The Eagles began to pick up the intensity as Lee dove on the floor after a loose ball and sophomore Josh Wilson hustled to save the ball from going out of bounds. Fitzgerald carried the ball down the court and found Lee who

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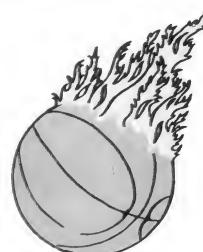


Coach Deena Applebury huddles with her team.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 5 - Swimming vs. Goucher, 1 p.m.

Feb. 7 - Women's Basketball vs. Christendom College, 7 p.m.



Athlete of the Week

Sophomore Maureen Greenlee broke her own CAC record in the 50 yard freestyle with a time of 24.31